1909-1910 5 cent patterns. All examples are in the Smithsonian. All images are courtesy of the National Numismatic Collection of the Smithsonian Institution.

1909

Judd-1933 (old Judd-1781) / Pollock-2016 - coin #8 in addenda

1) Accession #1985.0551.0742

Judd-1934 (old Judd-1782) / Pollock-2017 - coin #4 in addenda

1) Accession #1985.0551.0743

Judd-1935 (old Judd-1783) / Pollock-2018

1) Accession #1985.0551.0744 - coin #7 in addenda

Judd-1936 (old Judd-1784) / Pollock-2019 - coin #5 in addenda

1) Accession #1985.0551.0745

Judd-1937 (old Judd-1785) / Pollock-2020 - coin #6 in addenda

1) Accession #1985.0551.0746

Judd-1938 (old Judd-1786) / Pollock-2021 - coin #3 in addenda

1) Accession #1985.0551.0747

Judd-1939 (old Judd-1787) / Pollock-2022 - coin #2 in addenda

1) Accession #1985.0551.0748

2) Accession #1985.0551.0749

1910

Judd-1942 (old Judd-1788) / Pollock-2023 - coin #1 in addenda

1) Accession #1985.0551.0750

2) Accession #1985.0551.0751

Addenda:

The following explains what happened with these and is courtesy of research by Roger Burdette in the Mint Archives. It appears that 39 of these patterns were struck, 26 were melted and 13 coins representing the 8 designs as described remaining at the time of these letters. Today, the Mint Collection in the Smithsonian accounts for 10 of the 13 with 3 examples of Coin #1 (Judd-1942 / Pollock 2023) unaccounted for. These are presumed to have been melted at a later date.

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Bureau of the mint.
REC. MAY 27 1910

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

May 26th, 1910.

John H. Landis

Superintendent.

SUBJECT:

Enclosing statement and letter from engraver in reference to 5-cent nickel pattern pieces.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

May 26, 1910.

The Director of the Mint,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 23d instant I enclose herewith statement of the Engraver as to the number of pattern 5-cent nickel pieces which have been struck, the number which have been destroyed, and the number which are still in his possession. Letter of Engraver also enclosed.

Respectfully,

John H. Landis

Superintendent.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES AT PHILADELPHIA.
ENGRAVER'S DEPARTMENT.

May 26th, 1910.

Hon. John H. Landis,
Superintendent.

Sir:

I beg to report that under the verbal instructions of Mr. Frank A. Leach who was Director of the Mint at the time, I prepared certain designs and dies for a new five cent nickel coin. Mr. Leach having left the service of the Mint before this matter was disposed of, has left me in possession of dies and coins of the demonination of five cent nickel, which I now report with a full description of each coin and date of year when struck.

Respectfully,

B/b. Chas. E. Barber Engraver.

PIECES STRUCK OF NEW FIVE CENT NICKEL.
(Retained.)

No. 1. Five (5) pieces five cent nickel new design, profile head of Washington looking left, large head with coat stock and shirt ruff, queue tied with bow. Liberty in front of face and 1910 at back of head.

Reverse: Arabic numeral five, outlined, cents running across olive branch on either side of coin. In God We Trust at bottom of coin. United States of America and E Pluribus Unum at top of coin.

No. 2. Two (2) pieces, profile head of Washington looking left, bust running down to border, queue tied low. 1909 in front of face and Liberty at back of head.

Reverse: same as No. 1 only In God We Trust is omitted, olive branch a trifle larger.

No. 3. One (1) piece, profile head of Washington looking left slightly smaller head, same arrangement of date 1909 and word Liberty.

Reverse: Arabic numeral 5, cents underneath, encircled by an olive branch. E Pluribus Unum below United States of America in large letters

should be right

No. 4. One (1) piece, profile of Washington looking left, colonial coat, shirt ruff, date 1909 below bust. Liberty above head, seven stars at back of bust and six in front of face.

Reverse: Olive branch, arabic numeral 5, word cent below, encircled by the olive branch. United States of America running around outside of branch. E Pluribus Unum below wreath.

No. 5. One (1) piece, profile Washington date below bust, liberty in frontof face, thirteen stars commencing in front of

New five cent nickel, continued.

No. 5. continued.
face and running around to point of shoulder, , date 1909.

Reverse: same as No. 4.

No. 6. One (1) piece, profile of Washington, date 1909 below bust, word liberty around head, stars between each letter.

Reverse: same as No. 5.

No. 7. One (1) piece, profile of Washington, same as No. 4 only a trifle bolder, smaller date 1909.

Reverse, same as No. 4.

No. 8. One (1) piece, obverse shield, word liberty on band crossing shield, flowing ends, liberty poles crossing shield, liberty cap on one and spread eagle on other, 1909 date between poles at bottom of coin, thirteen stars around.

Reverse: same as No. 4.

May 26th, 1910.

Number of five cent nickel pieces new design struck thirty nine. 39

number destroyed twenty-six 26

Number of pieces on hand thirteen 13

Each of the thirteen pieces being fully described in accompanying list.

Chas. E. Barber Engraver.